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SUBJECT: PAPAL INAUGURAL CEREMONIES: ARRANGEMENTS

FROM VATICAN OFFICE

1. HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL I HAS DECIDED NOT TO HAVE A CORONATION OR AN ENTHRONEMENT CEREMONY BUT A SOLEMN MASS TO CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF HIS PONTIFICATE. THUS WHAT IS PLANNED IS A PAPAL INAUGURAL CEREMONY AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, IN THE AFTERNOON (TO BEGIN APPROXIMATELY 6:00 PM). IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHETHER THE CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 3 WILL BE INSIDE THE BASILICA OR OUTSIDE ON THE STEPS OF ST. PETER'S.

2. IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE CIRCULATED TO EMBASSIES TO THE HOLY SEE AND TO US, THE VATICAN HAS ASKED THAT FOREIGN DELEGATIONS BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE PERSONS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL ENVOY TO
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THE VATICAN. EACH DELEGATE MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE. IN ADDITION WE HAVE OBTAINED RECONFIRMATION THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ALLOWED A TOTAL OF TWENTY OTHER SPECIAL SEATS FOR OTHER HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN PERSONALITIES, WHICH WE SUGGEST INCLUDE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GARDNER. WE HAVE OBTAINED THIS PROMISE ON CONDITION THAT INDEED THE TWENTY SPECIAL SEATS WILL BE FILLED BY RANKING AMERICANS

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AND THAT WE SUBMIT OUR LIST WITH TITLES TO THE HOLY SEE
VERY PROMPTLY. (NOTE: BECAUSE VATICAN EXPECTS
THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WILL
EXCEED NUMBER OF THOSE ATTENDING POPE PAUL'S STATE FUNERAL,
NO TICKETS FOR SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR STAFF OR SECRET
SERVICE PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING THE DELEGATION UNLESS THEY
ARE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN THE LIST OF TWENTY WE SO RECOMMEND.
HOWEVER, IF CEREMONY IS HELD OUTSIDE, AS IS LIKELY, TWO LARGE
SECTIONS WITH SEATS WILL BE SET UP IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE AND WILL
BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME BASIS.)

3. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE FOLLOWING MORNING,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, HIS HOLINESS WILL RECEIVE THE SPECIAL
DELEGATIONS IN AN AUDIENCE AT THE SISTINE CHAPEL (AT APPROX-
IMATELY 1200 NOON) AND THAT IN THE AFTERNOON (APPROXIMATELY
6:00 PM) OF THE SAME DAY THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION FOR THE
SPECIAL DELEGATIONS GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, HIS EMINENCE
JEAN CARDINAL VILLOT.

4. DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DELEGATION: VATICAN PROTOCOL
INFORMS US THAT THE DRESS REQUIREMENT FOR THE SPECIAL
DELEGATION FOR THE SUNDAY CEREMONY AND THE MONDAY PAPAL AUDIENCE
AREA S FOLLOWS:

A. FOR MEN, WHITE TIE: BLACK TAIL COAT, BLACK VEST
OR WAISTCOAT, BLACK TROUSERS, WHITE TIE AND WHITE SHIRT
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WITH WING COLLAR;

B. FOR WOMEN: LONG BLACK DRESS WITH SLEEVES, BLACK
MANTILLA OR VEIL (NO GLOVES, NO JEWELRY).

(WE COULD NOT OBTAIN THE DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY
OF STATE'S RECEPTION ON MONDAY AFTERNOON BUT WILL TRANSMIT IT
ASAP. IF TRADITION HOLDS, "JACQUETTE" WILL BE REQUIRED CONSISTING
OF MORNING COAT,GREY VEST, ORDINARY WHITE SHIRT, ORDINARY
BLACK TIE AND STRIPED PANTS.

5. DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE
OFFICIAL PARTY IS DARK SUIT FOR MEN; BLACK DRESS AND BLACK
MANTILLA A HEAD COVER, FOR LADIES.

6. GIFTS: VATICAN PROTOCOL DOES NOT "ANTICIPATE"
EXCHANGE OF GIFTS. HOLMES

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